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BRIDLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1969

including

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of the

SURVEYOR AND SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES
9 WESTGATE
BRIDLINGTON

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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R. SCHOFIELD, M.D., D.C.H., D.P.H.

Surveyor and Senior Public Health Inspector:

G. ANDERSON, C.S.I.B.

Additional Public Health Inspectors:

H. FELL, Cert.S.I.B.

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Health Office,
4 St. John's Avenue,
Bridlington.

July 1971

To the Chairman and Councillors
Rural District of Bridlington.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1969.

The Registrar General's figure for the population at mid-year 1969 was 8,870, a decrease of 60 compared with 1968.

There were 109 live births and 116 deaths during the year, compared with 103 births and 109 deaths in 1968. The adjusted birth rate for the district of 14.4 per thousand population is lower than the national rate of 16.3 per thousand. The adjusted death rate of 11.0 per thousand population compares favourably with the national figure.

The causes of death follow the expected pattern with diseases of the heart and circulation, and cancer predominating. Cancer of the lung remains the most common single cancer, and 37 deaths (one third of the total) were due to two diseases known to be associated with cigarette smoking, namely lung cancer and ischaemic heart disease.

There were four deaths of infants under one year of age, all of which occurred during the first week of life.

No infectious diseases were sufficiently prevalent to merit mention.

Water continued to be supplied by the East Yorkshire (Wolds Area) Water Board, and was satisfactory in quantity and quality.

In his section of the report, Mr. Anderson refers to the problems of sewage disposal in the district. The coastal parishes share with other similar areas the problems created by the large increase in population during the summer months. Sewage disposal works must, therefore, be designed to a much greater capacity than the resident population would justify, which is a costly undertaking. Much progress has been made in recent years in the district, but much remains to be done, the most obvious sample being the Village of Flamborough. It is to be hoped that the Council's plans for that area will soon be implemented, with a consequent improvement in the situation.

A potential problem concerns the disposal of agricultural effluent. The policy of returning animal waste to the land is an excellent one in theory, and works well in practice where traditional farming methods are in use. The problem arises with intensive rearing of animals. Very large numbers of animals are reared on a small acreage, and the amount of effluent can become too great for traditional disposal methods on the available area of land - the land would be ruined for farming and there would be the risk of pollution of water supplies. This problem is not confined to Yorkshire, and a national policy should be devised as soon as possible.


In presenting this report may I express my thanks to the staff of the Department for their work and help during the year, and to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their constant interest and support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

R. SCHOFIELD

Medical Officer of Health



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S T A T I S T I C S

GENERAL

Area in acres	67,132
Population 1969 Registrar General	8,870
Rateable value 1969/70	£301,991
Sum represented by a penny rate	£1,191
Estimated number of inhabited houses	3,900

VITAL

Live Births

Number	109
Crude Birth Rate	12.3
Adjusted Birth Rate: Comparability factor R.G. 1.17	14.4
Illegitimate live births (per cent of total live births)	8.2

Still Births

Number	1
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	9.0
Total live and still births	110
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	4

Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	36.7
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	30.0
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	111.1
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	36.7
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	36.7

Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births	45.4
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Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	-

Deaths

Number	116
Crude Death Rate	13.1
Adjusted Death Rate: Comparability factor R.G. 0.84	11.0
Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-
Rate per 1,000 population	-
Deaths from other forms of Tuberculosis	-
Rate per 1,000 population	-
Deaths from Respiratory Disease	7
Rate per 1,000 population	0.8
Deaths from Heart Disease	35
Rate per 1,000 population	3.9
Deaths from Cancer	27
Rate per 1,000 population	3.0

PROVISIONAL STATISTICS - ENGLAND AND WALES

Births

Live Births	16.3 per 1,000 population
Still Births	13.0 per 1,000 total live and still births

Deaths

Death	11.9 per 1,000 home population
Infant Mortality	18.0 per 1,000 live births

CAUSES OF DEATH IN BRIDLINGTON R.D. 1969 (R.G.)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
All Causes	56	60
Cancer, Buccal Cavity Etc.	-	1
Cancer, Oesophagus	-	1
Cancer, Stomach	2	-
Cancer, Intestine	1	2
Cancer, Lung, Bronchus	5	2
Cancer, Breast	-	4
Cancer, Prostate	1	-
Leukaemia	1	1
Cancer, Other Sites	2	4
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1
Mental Disorders	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	16	14
Other forms of Heart Disease	2	3
Cerebrovascular Disease	9	13
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	3	2
Pneumonia	3	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	1
Appendicitis	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc.	1	-
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	3
Symptoms and Ill defined Conditions	1	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	2	-
All Other Accidents	3	1
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	-

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND POPULATION DURING LAST 10 YEARS

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Births</u>	<u>No. of Deaths</u>	<u>Population</u>
1960	140	102	9,440
1961	97	114	9,230
1962	119	109	9,080
1963	123	109	9,190
1964	105	105	8,950
1965	128	111	8,900
1966	99	115	8,810
1967	125	124	8,840
1968	103	109	8,930
1969	109	116	8,870

INFANTILE DEATHS

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total deaths under one year
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc.	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality . .	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases Notified during 1969

Notifiable Diseases	Under 1 year	1 - 4 years	5 - 14 years	15 - 24 years	25 - 44 years	45 - 64 years	Over 65 years	Age unknown	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-
Measles	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis

The Register of Tuberculosis for the year is as follows :-

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non- Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December 1968	39	24	12	18	93
Added to the Register:					
(a) Cases notified for the first time during the year	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Un-notified cases brought to notice otherwise than by formal notifications	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Inward transfers	-	1	-	-	1
Removed from the Register on account of death, change of address, etc.	-	1	-	-	1
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December 1969	39	24	12	18	93

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hospital facilities are available at Scarborough, Bridlington and Driffield.

Miniature Mass Radiography

The Miniature Mass Radiography Unit of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board visited the Grand Pavilion Car Park on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month from 10.45 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. 363 persons were examined during 1969.

Nursing Homes

There are no private Nursing Homes in the District.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Part III Accommodation

Accommodation is provided by the County Council at Burlington House, Bridlington; Danes Lea, Bridlington; Carr Head, Bridlington; and 'The Limes', Driffield. Carr Head is a new Home and was opened on the 1st August 1969. It has accommodation for forty male/female residents. Wold House, Driffield, ceased to operate as a Home for the aged in March 1969, and the patients in there at the time were transferred to other East Riding County Council Homes.

Section 47

It was not necessary to take proceedings under this Section during the year.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES - NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

The following services are provided in the District by the East Riding County Council as the Local Health Authority :-

Infant Welfare Clinics

Infant Welfare Clinics are held in the following villages:-

Flixton - every four weeks on a Wednesday
Flamborough - every two weeks on a Thursday
Hunmanby - every two weeks on a Wednesday
Rudston - every four weeks on a Thursday

Domiciliary Midwifery Service

This service is run in conjunction with the Home Nursing Service. Three Nurse/Midwives serve the District. One resides at Burton Agnes, one at Weaverthorpe and the other at Bridlington.

Health Visiting

Four Health Visitors serve the District. Their office is at the Oxford Street Clinic, Bridlington.

Home Nursing Service

This service is run in conjunction with the Midwifery Service as indicated above.

Ambulance Service

The County Council's Ambulance Station is situated in St. John Street, Bridlington (telephone number 2421).

Domestic Help

Home Help Service which is rendered in the District is administered at County Hall, Beverley, and all applications for the service are dealt with by the Home Help Organiser (telephone number 0482 881281).

Cervical Cytology

East Riding County Council hold a cervical cytology session at the Oxford Street Clinic, Bridlington, when required.

LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY - SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Routine medical inspections are carried out of all children attending Local Education Authority schools in the District. In addition the following facilities are provided at the County Council's Oxford Street premises in Bridlington :-

Minor Ailment Clinic	Daily 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
Dental Clinic	Daily by appointment
Speech Therapy	Three weekly sessions

OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES

Buckrose Health Division Co-ordinating Committee

Once every two or three months a co-ordinating committee, under the aegis of the County Council, meets in Bridlington to co-ordinate the work of Officers in the District who are concerned with the welfare of children. The primary objects of the Committee are the prevention of cruelty to children in their own homes and the prevention of break-up of families.

On the committee are representatives of the County Children's Department, the County Health Department, the School Welfare Department, the County Welfare Department, the Housing Managers of the District Councils, the Department of Health and Social Security, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, Probation Officers and a Marriage Guidance Counsellor. Representatives of other organisations are co-opted from time to time as the need arises. Your Medical Officer of Health in his capacity as Divisional Medical Officer takes the chair of the Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

Specimens for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hull.

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

British Red Cross

The British Red Cross Society, acting as agents for the County Council, provide a service for the loan of nursing requisites which may be needed for temporary periods for sick persons being nursed in their own homes. In the Rural Area the Depots for these requisites are :-

Miss Chappell, Rest Haven, Northgate, Hunmanby.

Miss Wilson, Little Denmark, Thwing.

Miss Watson, The Hall, Skipsea.

Women's Royal Voluntary Service

The W.R.V.S. provide numerous services in the District, which includes :-

Meals on Wheels

Good Neighbour Services

Darby and Joan Clubs

Clothing in cases of need or emergency

Family Planning Association

The Family Planning Association hold a clinic on the first and third Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Oxford Street Clinic, Bridlington.

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

The Bridlington Rural Area lies within the North East Yorkshire Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and cases requiring the services of the Society were visited by Inspector Fitton working from Scarborough. Inspector Fitton's work is much appreciated by those of us in the area concerned with child welfare.



BRIDLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Bridlington.

ANNUAL REPORT 1969

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bridlington Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I enclose my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 1969.

General:

Summary of visits made by the Public Health Inspectors during 1969.

Summary:

Housing Acts	400
Public Health	550
Food Premises	150
Meat and Slaughterhouse Inspection	300
Factories	40
Rodent Control	220
Public Cleansing	300
Council House Maintenance	600
Camps and Caravan Sites	300
Sewage Works and Drainage Inspection	720
Water Supplies	50
Milk Legislation	20
Petroleum Licences	55

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Maintenance

The overall position remains comparable with previous years, plant working within design capacities producing satisfactory effluents, overloaded plant producing unsatisfactory conditions.

Skipsea Area Disposal Works

This plant can now be said to have completed a seasonal operating cycle. The standard of maintenance being high as expected at a fully manned station. Despite this samples have not been entirely representative of the work put in.

It is too early to claim the establishment of an operating work load pattern with the widely divergent seasonal load fluctuations, it is evident that the successful operation of the Paxman Sludge Unit is vital to the production of good samples.

Reighton Sewage Disposal Works

It is pleasing to report that the days of this outmoded unit are numbered and that work on the new scheme will soon be started.

Flamborough

The pattern of conditions as in 1968 has again been repeated, the Camp Sites providing a rapid build up of population in summer with a slight lengthening of the season being apparent. Dry weather spells produced complaint of smell from a certain length of sewer, regular attention being necessary to obviate complaint.

Initial survey work on new proposed sewers has been set in train by the Consultant Engineer.

Bempton

The sewage disposal works have continued to benefit from the vacated R.A.F. Camp. The re-occupation of the site in any similar numbers of persons will have possible repercussions at these works. The continued development by builders in the Village is a future matter to be taken into consideration in respect of this plant.

Rudston

The effectiveness of maintenance and the resultant efficiency of the plant is governed by the ability to gain access to the site with pumps. Samples are fluctuating in quality and seldom achieve first grade classification.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collection

Few complaints are made against the service and are usually found attributable to the collectors being unable to gain access to premises.

The service operates during the summer months on a very tight schedule and minimum manpower; sickness, holidays or a vehicle failure have immediate effect.

Recent legislation with reference to heavy goods vehicles licences, length of hours to be worked will have an effect on the service within a further twelve months. It is felt that the Council will need to consider the extent and composition of the service in the near future to ensure a balanced service capable of operating without fear of failure from the previously mentioned factors, and without the necessity of supplementing the service from other sections of the Council's activities.

Disposal

Tips at Flamborough and Bampton are in use for the disposal of refuse. Neither tip is owned by the Council, both are subject to use by the general public and have been subject to unauthorised persons setting fire to deposited material. Adequate controlled conditions are impossible.

Apart from amenity considerations the availability of sites in an area predominantly potential water bearing is rapidly being curtailed by planning restrictions and Water Board requirements to protect underground water supplies.

Some means of producing a more acceptable and more adaptable end product for disposal is clearly required. Such methods are now available and it is to this end that the attentions of the Council should be drawn.

FOOD AND MEAT INSPECTION

There are two licensed private slaughterhouses in the District producing a consistently high standard. Inspection of slaughtered animals is 100%.

The table below gives the number of animals slaughtered with comparative figures from 1962.

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Bovine	236	306	279	245	243	254	226	312
Calves	22	39	2	-	-	-	3	-
Sheep & Lambs	746	776	766	695	665	781	780	809
Pigs	173	324	289	372	302	288	290	419
	<u>1177</u>	<u>1445</u>	<u>1336</u>	<u>1312</u>	<u>1210</u>	<u>1323</u>	<u>1299</u>	<u>1540</u>

Condemned Meat

Meat unfit for human consumption is surrendered and disposed of by the Council.

Bovine: Liver 380 lbs. - abscessed and parasitic conditions.

Pig: Liver 60 lbs. - milk spot.
 Head 4 No. - presumptive evidence of tuberculosis
 Heart 26 lbs. - pericarditis
 Hindquarters 24 lbs. - severe bruising.

Sheep: Liver 6 lbs. - necrosis, cirrhosis.
 Carcase neat - 34 lbs. - generalized oedema.



PUBLIC HEALTH

Complaints of public health nuisance were few and dealt with as they arose. The high proportion of owner occupied premises being of considerable assistance in this respect.

Complaints from holidaymakers regarding caravans and other premises have been received. Investigation did not substantiate the complaints which were found to be best described as failure to meet anticipated standards and not of a public health nature.

RODENT CONTROL

The whole of the Council's rodent control activities on treatment work are covered by contract between the Council and an established contracting firm. The system has worked well and has given quick and reliable attention to all cases of infestation.

HOUSING

The Department continued its efforts in giving the system of grants available to the general public under the Housing Acts as much publicity as possible.

The year has not been noteworthy in terms of numbers of grants made, this being primarily due to the more difficult type of property encountered and to applicants awaiting the publicized change in the amount of grant available.

Yours faithfully,

G. ANDERSON.

Surveyor,
Senior Public Health Inspector.

9th July 1971



